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Application No. : 10/735,696 Confirmation No. : 8984  
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Examiner : Awet A. Haile  
Docket No. : 101610.55983US  
Title : Stateless Message Routing

**PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS FOR ENTRY BY EXAMINER'S  
AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The following proposed amendments are respectfully submitted pursuant to the telephone conversations between the undersigned and Examiner Haile.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of processing incoming data, comprising:

storing, by a router, historical data for a destination host;

receiving, by the router, incoming data; and

determining, by the router, that stateless routing of the incoming data is to be employed based on the stored historical data for the destination host associated with the incoming data, wherein the stored historical data is independent of the incoming data;

generating a probability decision representative of whether stateless routing is to be employed by

generating a probability decision for each of a plurality of destination hosts associated with the incoming data; and

multiplying the probability decisions together to represent whether stateless routing is to be employed.

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30. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium encoded with computer executable instructions to:

store historical data for the destination host;

receive incoming data; and

determine that stateless routing of the incoming data is to be employed based on the historical data for the destination host associated with the incoming data, wherein the stored historical data is independent of the incoming data;

generating a probability decision representative of whether stateless routing is to be employed by

generating a probability decision for each of a plurality of destination hosts associated with the incoming data; and

multiplying the probability decisions together to represent whether stateless routing is to be employed.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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